

Wetarese language

Wetarese is an Austronesian language of Wetar, an island in the south Maluku, Indonesia, and of the nearby islands Liran and Atauro, the latter in East Timor north of Dili.^[3] The four principal varieties of Wetarese on Wetar are distinct enough they may be considered different languages.

Half of Wetarese speakers live on the island of Atauro in East Timor, where three similar dialects (presumably of Ili'uun) are spoken: *Rahesuk* in the center, *Resuk* in the southeast, and *Raklungu* (or 'Adabe') in the southwest.^[3] *Dadu'a* in the extreme north is a subdialect of Rahesuk, and has been reported to be intelligible with the Ili'uun of Liran Island. About half the Dadu'a population has moved to Timor, on the coast of Manatuto district, where it has undergone influence from Galoli.^[4]

Wetarese is closely related to Galoli, spoken on the north coast of East Timor and by an immigrant community on the south coast of Wetar.

Adabe "language"

The Raklungu dialect of Atauro, or *Klu'un Hahan Adabe*, was mistaken for a Papuan language by Antonio de Almeida (1966) and reported as "Adabe" in Wurm & Hattori (1981). Many subsequent sources propagated this error, showing a Papuan language on Atauro Island.^[5] Geoffrey Hull, director of research for the *Instituto Nacional de Linguística* in East Timor, describes only Wetarese being spoken on Atauro Island, and was unable to find any evidence of a non-Austronesian language there.^[3]

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Wetarese	
Wetar	
<i>Tutunohan</i>	
Native to	East Timor, Indonesia
Region	Wetar Island, Atauro Island, Laclo
Native speakers	(11,000 cited 1990–2010) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central–Eastern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Timor–Babar<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wetar–Galoli<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wetarese
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: <div>apx – Aputai</div> <div>ilu – Ili'uun</div> <div>wet – Parai</div> <div>tzn – Tugun</div> <div>adb – Atauran</div>
Glottolog	weta1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/weta1245) ^[2]

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External links

- Survey of languages of East Timor (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080720024316/http://www.asianlang.mq.edu.au/INL/langs.html>)
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